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"EMS Currents"

Sacramento Metro Fire District's EMS Division Newsletter...Will you make a difference today?

Special Interest Articles:

- EMS Coordinator Survey
- Hospital Issues
- Paramedic Academy
- Patient Non-Transport Forms (PNTF)
- FYI...



"Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be president, but they don't want them to become politicians in the process"

John F. Kennedy



EMS Coordinator...

By: Steve Cantelme

The final results of the EMS Coordinator surveys are as follows:

- ✓ 266 surveys returned by Metro personnel
- ✓ 157 recommended the position be maintained
- ✓ 24 recommended the position be discontinued
- ✓ 85 expressed no opinion
- ✓ 8 dispatchers & 4 hospital surveys returned - 7 in favor of maintaining the position & 1 dispatcher expressed no opinion

Of those expressing an opinion, 87% are in favor of the position & 13% are opposed to the position. The final results have been provided to the Fire Chief for his review and a decision as to whether the position will be maintained will be forthcoming.

Hospital Issues ...

By EMS Staff

- The EMS Division has noticed an increasing number of PCR's have been forwarded to the EMS Division with all four copies intact - no copy was left with the hospital. In addition, an increasing number of complaints have been received from the hospitals regarding this issue. Please follow District and County policy and be sure to leave a copy of your PCR with the hospital.
- The EMS Division has scheduled another meeting with SRH to discuss the destination issue we continue to have with some of the ER staff at SRH. Hopefully the meeting will produce some positive results and our medic crews will be able to transport patients to SRH without question. Please continue to send a ROO to the EMS Director, through your chain of command, anytime you have an issue at one of the hospitals. The administration at Metro Fire appreciates your continued professionalism when dealing with the hospital staffs.

*If a man does his best,
what else is there?*

George C. Patton

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May Dates:

- 13th Mother's Day
- 19th Armed Forces Day
- 21st Victoria Day
- 28th Memorial Day

*"A people that
values its privileges
above its principles
soon loses both"*

Dwight D. Eisenhower



Paramedic Intern Academy

By: Craig Henderson

The anatomy & physiology class for the paramedic academy students starts June 5th. The following firefighters will be assigned to the day shift and attending the class:

Allen, Chris	Carroll, Jason	DeJong, Michael
Gardner, Russell	Kellenberger, Eric	Martinez, Daniel
Montgomery, Aaron	Plexico, Patrick	Raddigan, Robert
Reeves, John	Robbins, Scott	Ross, Ryan
Stuart, Michael	Waite, Woody	Vanderwerker, W

The didactic and clinical sections of the academy follow the A&P class so look for them to return to shift in December for their field internships.

Patient Non-Transport Forms

By: EMS Staff

The District continues to have issues with the Patient Non-Transport Forms (PNTF). Based on Firehouse data, we receive only a fraction of the number of the PNTF's that we should be receiving. This problem is exacerbated when we get requests for incident reports that include a statement in the narrative section that a PNTF was completed. Such requests are typically followed up by a request for the PNTF only to find out that the District doesn't have a copy because it was never sent in to the EMS Division. *Please be sure the PNTF's are completed and forwarded to the EMS Division along with the PCR's.*

FYI

- An RFP is out for the EMS RMS program. Selection and purchase of this program will take place this summer with an expectation for it to be in service by January 1, 2008.
- An RFP is out for the on-line training program that both the EMS and Training Divisions will be using to provide District training in the future. A selection and purchase should be made this month.
- An RFP for the power gurneys and stair chairs is out and the District is reviewing the responsive bidders. A selection and purchase should be made within the next month or two.
- The LP12's have been updated with the new CPR guidelines.
- The new drug boxes (box in a box) are in place and appear to be working well.